



¶ As much as it hath pleased Almighty God to call to his mercy out of this transitory life our Soueraigne Lady, the High and Mighty Prince, Elizabeth late Queene of England, France, and Ireland, by whose death and dissolution, the Imperiall Crowne of these Realmes aforesaid are now absolutely, Wholly, and solely come to the High and Mighty Prince, James the sixt King of Scotland, who is lineally and lawfully descended from the body of Margaret, daughter to the high and Renowned Prince, Henry the seventh King of England, France, and Ireland, his great Grandfather, the said Lady Margaret being lawfully begotten of the bodie of Elizabeth, daughter to King Edward the fourth (by which happy coniunction both the houses of Yorke and Lancaster were united, to the joy unspeakable of this Kingdome, formerly rent & torne by the long dissencion of bloody and Ciuell Warres) the same Lady Margaret being also the eldest sister of Henry the eight, of famous memorie King of England as aforesaid:

We therefore the Lords Spirituall and Temporall of this Realme, being here assembled, united, and assisted with those of her late Maiesties Prive Counsell, and with great numbers of other principall Gentlemen of qualitie in the Kingdome, With the Lord Maior, Aldermen, and Citizens of London, and a multitude of other good Subiects and Commons of this Realme, thirsting now after nothing so much as to make it knownen to all persons, Who it is that by Law, by Lineall succession, and vndoubted Right is now become the onely Soueraigne Lord and King of these Imperiall Crownes (to the intent that by vertue of his Power, wisedome and Godly Courage, all things may be prouided for and executed, which may prevent or resist either forrein attempts, or popular disorder, tending to the breach of the present Peace, or to the prejudice of his Maiesties future quiet) doe nowe hereby with one full Voyce and Consent of Tongue and Heart, publish and proclaim, That the High and Mighty Prince, James the sixt King of Scotland, is now by the death of our late Soueraigne, Queene of England of famous memorie, become also our Onely, Lawfull, Lineall and Rightfull Liege Lord, James the first, King of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, to whome as to our onely iust Prince, adorned(besides his vndoubted Right) with all the rarest gifts of minde and bodie, to the infinite comfort of all his people and Subiects that shall liue vnder him, we doe acknowledge all faith and constant obedience, with all heartie and humble affections, both during our naturall liues for our selues, and in the behalfe of our posteritie. Hereby protesting and denouncing to all persons whatsoever, that in this iust and lawfull Acte of ours, We are resolued by the fauour of Gods holy assistance, and in the zeale of our owne Conscience (warranted by certaine knowledge of his manifest and vndoubted Right, as hath beene sayd before) to maintaine and vphold his Maiesties person and Estate, as our onely vndoubted Soueraigne Lord and King, With the Sacrifice of our Lives, Lands, Goods, Friends, and Adherents, against all power, force, or practise, that shall goe about by word or deed, to interrupt, contradict, or impugne his iust Claymes, his entry into this Kingdome, or any part thereof, at his good pleasure, or disobey such Royall directions as shall come from him. To all which wee are resolued onely to yeeld our selues, vntill the last drop of our bloods bee spent for his service. Hereby willing and commanding, in the name of our Soueraigne

Lord James the first, King of all the foresaid kingdome, al the late Lieutenants, deputie Lieutenants, Sheriffes, Justices, & all Mayors, Baillifffes, Constables, Headboroughes, and al other Officers and Ministers whatsoeuer, that they bee ayding and assisting from time to time in all things that are or shalbe necessary for the preventing, resisting, and suppressing of any disorderly assemblies, or other vnlawfull Acte or Attempt, either in Worde or deede, against the publique peace of the Realme, or any way prejudiciale to the Right, Honour, State or Person, of our only vndoubted and deare Lord and Soueraigne that now is, James the first King of all the said Kingdome, as they will auoyd the peril of his Maiesties heauie indignation, and their owne bitter ruine and confusion. Beseeching God to blesse his Maiestie and his Royall posteritie with long and happy yeeres to reigne ouer vs.

God sau King James.

Robert Lee, Maior.
John Cantuar.
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Tho. Buckhurst. Th.
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Nottingham.
Northumberland.
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W. Derby.
E. Worcester.
G. Cumberland.
R. Suffex.
Pembrok.
H. Lincolne.
Clanricard.
Ri. London.
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Io. Norwich.

Tho. Lawarre.
Morley.
H. Cobham.
Gray. Wilt.
Scroope.
Lomley.
Ed. Cromwell.
Rob. Rich.
George Hunsdon.
G. Chandoys.
W. Compton.
Norreys.
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W. Knollys
Ed. Wotton.
Io. Stanhop.
Rob. Cecill.
Io. Fortescue.
Io. Popham.

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